

corporate limits of Chicago, yet the population is growing by many thousands every year. But even if the population increased by two million, there wouldn't be another square foot of land in Chicago unless we extended the corporate limits.

But the demand for land, and hence its selling value, increases as the population increases.

That's why it is possible for a man who owns land in a growing community to sit back and take life easy while the people make him rich.

Old Marshall Field was wise to the game when he gave instructions to his administrators, in his will, to buy land in Chicago, or get 99-year leases.

His two grandsons, one about 20 and the other about 18, are now being educated in England, while the land he owns in the loop and elsewhere goes on increasing in value. Those boys don't have to even wiggle their toes. Everybody in Chicago is working for them.

And the high rents in the loop, caused by the growing demand for land—YOU have to pay them, for the merchants who pay the rent have to get it out of the people they sell goods to.

But if we taxed the vacant land all over Chicago so that the owners could not afford to keep it out of use, very likely Chicago would grow all over instead of in spots. We could grow along the ground instead of up in the air.

Yes, YOU are interested in the vacant land.

#### WANTS COTTON GOWNS WORN

New Orleans, Sept. 15.—Mrs. Annette Kincaid Dent of Yazoo City, Miss., has started appeal for women of the south to aid cotton planters by wearing only cotton gowns. More than a score of New Orleans's fashionable women have agreed to discard silks and satins for cottons. The move promises to be widespread.

## LETTERS TO EDITOR

### AN AMERICAN NEUTRAL

Editor Day Book:—Reading one of our Chicago trust newspapers last week I read an account of some of our American citizens marching through the streets of Paris, carrying the American flag, on their way to join the French army. Now I want to ask you and the readers of The Day Book if this is Americanism or what?

In conclusion, I wish to state that I am favoring no country in this war as I am American born.—G. F. B., Parkside, Ill.

### CHRISTIANS AND WAR

Editor Day Book:—Whaddayou-mean by bringing non-Christians in to the war. I have read quite a few of the teachings of Christ and failed to find where he sanctioned war or strife in any form. There are no Christians at war. Say what you mean. Call them Caucasians.—W. H. P.

### THAT EUROPEAN JUNKET

Editor Day Book:—I am pleased to see Attorney T. J. Sutherland go after that school bunch who went to Europe at our expense. Pretty soft to draw a fat salary and then take a fine trip on the taxpayers' money. And it is us small taxpayers who have to stand it, not the grafters or bankers.—J. Kimball, 5844 LaSalle St.

### TO TRANSLUCY

"My love in her attire doth show her wit,"

An unknown bard I quote  
Of days Elizabethan, ere the slit  
Was theme to fire a pote.

O for the quaintness of an elder day  
When fashions were the oddest!  
When maidens were, though just a  
trifle gay,

Comparatively modest.

—New York Tribune.